Your Career & Opportunities As A Child Development Home Provider

On or off-base, the Child Development Home (CDH) profession offers providers the opportunity to work in their own home and watch their own children grow and develop while, at the same time, caring for children of military families and earning an additional income.

A Little About Child Development Homes

CDHs provide a warm, family setting in which children can participate in developmentally appropriate learning activities, as well as home-life experiences. The children are able to build a trusting relationship with a provider who will foster their curiosity and creativity, provide guidance and give them the hugs they need.

CDHs assist parents by providing child care services to support operational readiness, mission accomplishment, and retention. CDHs are an alternative to center-based care and is often preferred by families because of the small group sizes, the home-like atmosphere and the flexible hours of operation that other centers often cannot accommodate.

"I like to be home when my children return from school, to see their smiles, to be there when they are sick. In any other job, I wouldn't be able to do that. I know the cost of child care and I know how it feels working outside the home. I know what parents need and what they look for."

CDH Provider Laura Kocak

Yes, I want to learn more about the Career Choice of the 21st Century!

For more information on becoming a certified Child Development Home Provider, contact:

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Why Become A Child Development Home Provider?

• Independent Work Environment

You work for yourself, in your own home.

• Flexibility

 Set your own hours and select the age group of children that best suits you and your family.

Income

- Being a CDH provider is a great source of income while saving you the expense of child care.
- USDA Child Care Food Program

• Benefits

- Toy and equipment lending library
- Low cost liability insurance
- On-site assistance and advice
- Free monthly training
- Free promotion, advertising, and referrals
- Direct cash subsidies at some locations

• Transferable

- Wherever a Navy move may take you, you will have skills in high demand...caring for children!
- Certification is transferable, whether you live in Navy housing or off-base.

• Education and Training

- Enhance your child-rearing skills
- CPR / First Aid training
- Child Development / Early Childhood Education
- Receive college credit for Navy training
- Participate in Military Home Accreditation program

"If parents feel comfortable with their child care arrangements, so will their children. My husband and two children are 100% supportive and love the other children."

CDH Provider Pam Johnson